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1. The Plant of the Czechoslovak Automobile Works, National Corporation (Automobilove Zavody, n.p. - AZNP) at Horni Hanychovi (051/016) was opened at the end of 1951. It is located in the former textile factory Rotex, which was rebuilt for this purpose. The plant employs 600 people, about 20% of whom are women. A small percentage of the employees are Germans.
2. The manager of the plant is Simon (fnu), a former worker and employee of the AZNP (Automobile Works) at Mlada Boleslav. The manager's deputy is Eng. Pradny (fnu), a production expert. The cadre officer is Frantisek Drbohlay. The chairman of the shop committee is Horky (fnu), and the chairman of the plant's Communist Party organization is Josef Pokorny.
3. The plant produces Diesel engines of the 706 Avia type for busses and trucks. The entire output is sent to the AZNP (Automobile Works National Corporation) plant at Rynovice, where the vehicles are assembled.
4. The plant has the following departments.
 - a. Motor blocks; work is done in three shifts and most of the machinery is of German origin.
 - b. Cylinder heads; head, Ladislav Bodlak. This department is well equipped with machinery of both Czech and German origin. At the end of September 1952, one three-spindle milling machine was received from the USSR. This is the key department of the factory and at the same time the worst bottleneck in production. It is well supplied with material, but there is a shortage of tools. Castings from the foundries arrive in very good condition.
 - c. Gear boxes; owing to the shortage of aluminum, gear boxes have been manufactured of cast iron instead of aluminum since September 1952.

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- d. Cylinders; this department is fulfilling its production plan only 30%, the worst performance in the entire factory. Part of its production goes to the USSR. This is the only department that is not fulfilling its plan at the same time.
 - e. Crankshafts; foreman, Delis (fnu); this department is well equipped with machine tools and fulfilled its plan 60%.
 - f. Flywheels; this department is poorly equipped with machine tools.
 - g. Valve rockers.
 - h. Valve guides.
 - i. Welding shop.
 - j. Tool shop, grinding shop, repairs to machinery, issuing of tools.
 - k. Assembly.
5. In September 1952, a Soviet delegation of eight members visited the factory. They were shown around by the manager, the chairman of the shop committee and the chairman of the plant's Communist Party organization.
6. The plant has a Doslet organization consisting of 20 parachutists, of whom three are women, and about 25 glider pilots. They practise three times a week at the airfield at Liberec, jumping from Junkers 52 planes. The secretary of Doslet for the Liberec district is Capt. of the Air Force Benes (fnu).

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